From Lord Avebury
Chairman
Parliamentary Human Rights Group

House of Lords

December 21, 1992

Dear Dr Azzam,

I was indeed aware of the forcible deportation of Palestinians by Israel, and have written to the Israeli Ambassador. One can only agree that this unwise move is likely to worsen the situation.

Best wishes for the new year,

Yours sincerely,

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Lord Avebury
House of Lords

Dear Lord Avebury,

I am sure you are very aware of the arrest over the last few days of more than 1300 Palestinians by the Israeli authorities and of the impending deportation of 418 of them.

The Israeli Supreme Court is currently in session to decide on the deportations and we ask you to make urgent representations to the Israeli government to prevent this injustice. Innocent people have been arrested in reprisal and revenge, many of them are highly respected members of the community - doctors, teachers, journalists etc, and the claim that they are engaged in terrorism is spurious. Moreover, no trial has been held and no one has had the opportunity to defend himself.

It is obvious that any deportations will inflame further an already explosive situation and we hope that you will act immediately to try to deter the Israeli authorities from taking this step.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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